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In re application of:

GERARD *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/438,358

Filed: November 12, 1999

For: **Compositions and Methods for
Recombinational Cloning of
Nucleic Acid Molecules**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action issued in the captioned matter on November 19, 2002 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 25), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The amendments are provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.

37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this